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City's Governance Task Force Gets Underway

A new committee, made up of citizens and city councillors has begun meeting to review and make recommendations on how the City of London is governed. The Governance Task Force has a mandate to review the size of council, the number of wards and the way in which we elect officials (by ward or city-wide). The task force is expected to provide recommendations on these issues, as well as on the roles and responsibilities of various city committees and the Board of Control.

A key component of the Task Force's work will include getting public input. In its interim report to Council in December, the Task Force is expected to outline several idea on how it will engage the public. A final report to Council is expected in June 2008. Reports from the Task Force will appear on the City's website at www.london.ca.

The task force is made up of the following representatives:

Margaret Hoff (Chair)
Councillor Paul Hubert (Vice Chair)
Controller Gina Barber
Controller W.J. Polhill
Councillor Joni Baechler
Councillor Roger Caranci
Dr. Carol Agocs (Citizen-at-Large)
William H. Brock (Citizen-at-Large)
Scott A. Courtice (Citizen-at-Large)
Deborah J. Peckham (Citizen-at-Large)
Bernie Bierbaum (London Chamber of Commerce)
Don Bryant (London Chamber of Commerce - alternate)
Patti Dalton (London and District Labour Council)
Tim Carrie (London and District Labour Council - alternate)
Sam Trosow (Urban League of London)
Wendy Dickinson (Urban League of London - alternate)

The next meeting of the Governance Task Force is scheduled for November 8, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. These meetings are open to the public and the media.